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DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY LONDON, SAN JOSE, MEXICO, GUATEMALA,
KINGSTON, AMCONSUL BELIZE

FOR HABIB FROM JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK, BH, MX, PN

SUBJECT: BELIZE

1. GENERAL TORRIJOS HAS INFORMED ME THAT A MEETING IS PLANNED
IN KINGSTON ON DECEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS BELIZE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.
IN ADDITION TO PRICE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM MEXICO, VENEZUELA,
BOLIVIA, PANAMA AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES--EXCLUDING CUBA--
ARE SLATED TO ATTEND. PURPOSE IS TO REACH A UNIFIED POSITION
ON A GUATEMALA-BELIZE SETTLEMENT. MEANWHILE, IT APPEARS THAT
TORRIJOS HAS MADE SOME INROADS ON PRICE'S HITHERTO ADAMANT
POSITION.

2. IN MY OWN TALK WITH PRICE OVER THE WEEKEND (PER TELECON)
I PLAYED A LISTENING BRIEF FOR THE MOST PART. THE RECITAL OF
THE ISSUES AND COMPLICATIONS WOULD BE TOTALLY FAMILIAR TO YOU.
TWO THINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE: PRICE SAID HE HAD AN OPEN MIND AND
HAD NOT YET RULED OUT--OR ACCEPTED--A TERRITORIAL CESSION. BUT
HE INDICATED TORRIJOS HAS PRESSED HIM TO COMPROMISE; SECONDLY,
HE REALLY SEEMED MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CESSION OF SEA AREAS

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THAN ABOUT THE LAND ITSELF. HE NOTED THAT THE AREA INVOLVED--
A SWATH OF WATER SWINING NORTHWEST INTO THE CARIBBEAN FROM THE
DISPUTED LAND--WAS A RICH FISHING GROUND FOR HIS PEOPLE AND
THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF OIL DEPOSITS.
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